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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **POSSIBLE WEAPON ON SCHOOL BUS**

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On February 15, 2011 at approximately 8:30 a.m. the Bluffton Police Department responded to H.E. McCracken Middle School, 250 H.E. McCracken Circle, in reference to a possible handgun on a bus. No weapons were found after conducting a thorough investigation.

School officials received information from a student that there was a handgun on a bus that was about to arrive at the school. The information was passed onto the Bluffton Police – School Resource Officer who made appropriate arrangements to meet the bus when it arrived.

All students riding this bus were escorted from it and placed in a secure room until the investigation could be concluded. This incident only affected approximately 25 students that were riding this bus and the rest of the school maintained normal operation.

The investigation concluded that no handgun was ever on the bus. The student that provided the information had overheard students talking about a gun yesterday and believed it was on the bus today. No charges were brought against any students and no one was hurt.

It is the position of the Bluffton Police Department to act appropriately when information is obtained to maintain a safe and secure learning environment for the children of our community. Anyone with information regarding possible criminal activity is always encouraged to call the Bluffton Police Department Tip Line at 843-706-4560 or 911.